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In re Patent Application of)	Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Heinz Bannasch et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3641
Application No.: 10/574,532)	Examiner: Daniel J. Troy
Filed: December 1, 2006)	Confirmation No.: 4115
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	
PROTECTING SHIPS AGAINST)	
TERMINAL HOMING PHASE-)	
GUIDED MISSILES)	

**SUBMISSION OF VERIFIED TRANSLATION OF
FOREIGN PRIORITY DOCUMENT**

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Sir:

Further to the Amendment filed September 14, 2009, Applicants hereby submit a verified English translation of German priority document No. 103 46 001.2 filed October 2, 2003 from which the instant application claims priority. The October 2, 2003 filing date of German Application 103 46 001.2 is prior to the June 10, 2004 priority date of the *Kravitz* publication. Thus, *Kravitz* is not prior art to the instant application. Withdrawal of the rejections of the June 12, 2009 Office Action are therefore respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Submission of Verified Translation of Foreign Priority Document, or the application in general, it

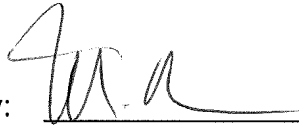
would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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